



Wasatch County Sheriff Mike Spanos (right) and John Kocinski, Search and Rescue, with one of the two 6-wheel-drive gamma goats that have been added to the county's emergency fleet. See related story on Page 3A. 6-24-92

## Wasatch County Sheriff Gives Report To Midway City Council



During his report to the Midway City Council last week, Wasatch County Sheriff Mike Spanos said one of his biggest problems is animals. "It's unbelievable how much time is spent, out of the eight deputies, probably two are on animal control most of the time."

Spanos said the county has increased services for Midway City in surveillance of business and burglaries. Officers are also controlling traffic, and liquor law enforcement is going well. Having accounted for one hundred and eleven cases in Midway since the first of the year,

Spanos said that an average of fifty-two to sixty hours per week are being afforded Midway.

The "Officer Friendly" program in schools, has been well appreciated, and resource officer Lance Gardner is doing an excellent job with the program. The Drug Task Force and Enhanced 911 system was also explained during his report.

In meeting Thursday evening, July 2, the Midway City Council accepted a Bid on Indian Springs tank from low bidder Grant Hone, subject to completion approvals. A

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pre-construction meeting July 10, will begin project.

A \$500 encroachment permit fee was approved by the council. The bond for cutting asphalt will be refunded upon completion and inspection of repair.

A 30-day extension on transferring water shares to the city was granted to 808 River Road Development annexation.

A Continuation of Nuisance and Noise ordinance will give council members time to inquire and investigate possibilities.

The fee for a business license to sponsor dances in the Town Hall at \$25 per year was approved.

Employee evaluation, brought a increase in wages for city employee's, Elva Baum and Gay Motley.

Resolution 92-5 setting the 1992 Property Tax Rate was accepted.

New computer software request for \$309 to purchase Lotus 1, 2, 3 program to help Midway City update procedures was approved.

Individual council assignments brought Mayor and council members in agreement to report an update often.

Business License applications for Julie's Nails, and Midway Market were approved.

Next regular meeting will be in August.



# Gamma goats go over hill and over dale

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HEBER CITY — Two gamma goats have been added to Wasatch County's growing fleet of emergency and law enforcement vehicles.

Sheriff Mike Spanos said the six-wheel-drive, all-terrain, diesel-powered goats, that can be driven up to 55 mph, probably are worth \$25,000 to \$30,000, but he only paid a \$200 handling fee. He got them from the U.S. Department of Defense, which can give surplus military property to government agencies for drug enforcement purposes under the National Defense Authorization Act.

Spanos said he began filling out paperwork to get the goats last September after a marijuana farm was discovered in the Wasatch Mountains that wasn't accessible except on foot or by helicopter.

"You can go over these mountain roads, and get to the top of any hill, and across water (in the goats). They're going to be a great aid to us in locating marijuana gardens that are being cultivated in the county. They're also going to be fantastic tools for search and rescue. These things will get there twice as fast as an ordinary four-by-four vehicle in life-threatening situations," said

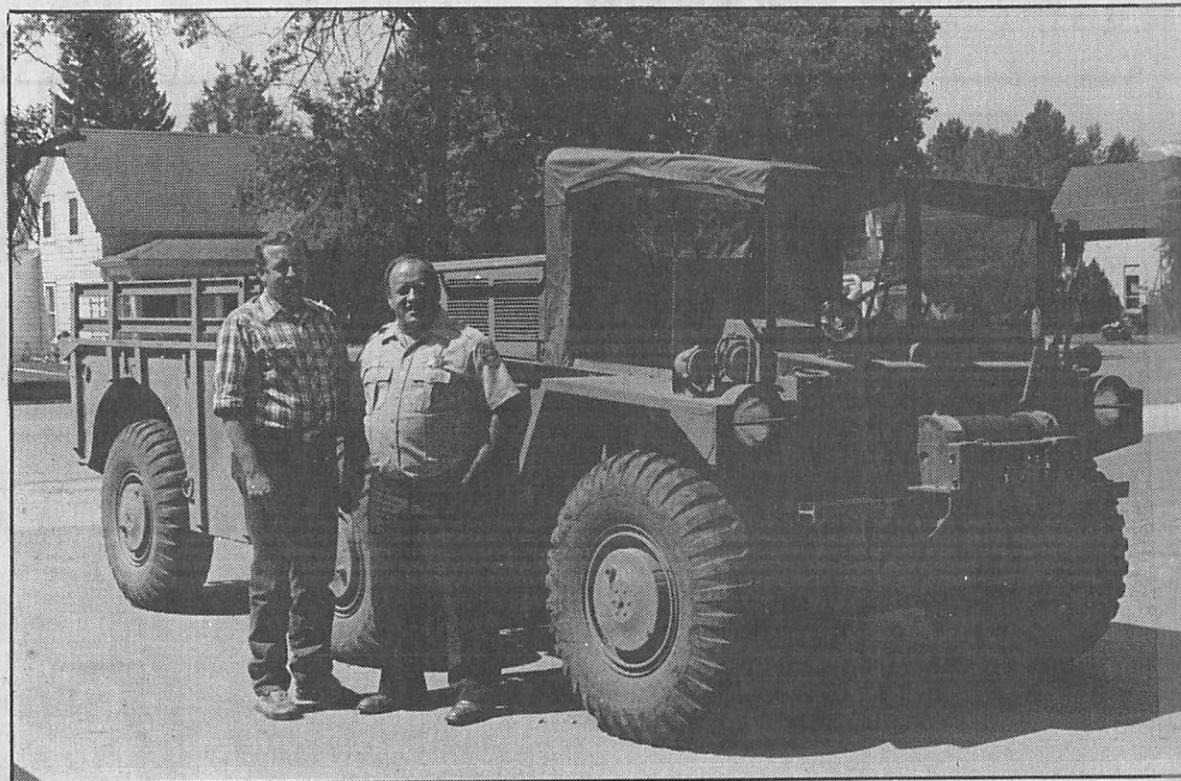


Photo by Sonni Schwinn

**Wasatch County Search and Rescue member John Kociniski, left, and County Sheriff Mike Spanos, stand in front of a diesel-powered gamma goat that will be used in drug enforcement operations.**

Army, so he is in charge of repairing them and training the drivers.

Kociniski said each of the six wheels on the goats operates independently, so they can adapt to any kind of terrain. The vehicles

remote areas even more quickly than the county's fast-attack tanker trucks, and may be able to put them out before they get out of control. That could save a lot of man hours fighting wildfires, a

to be driven to the search area, two can be loaded onto each of the trailers and transported to the snow. In the military setting, the trailers carried wounded soldiers on stretchers, and they can be

# Sheriff's Department Enjoys Christmas Party

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On Dec. 12, Sheriff Mike Spanos planned and hosted a Christmas Party for local law enforcement, Search and Rescue, and other special guests. The gathering was held at the Senior Citizen's Center and was highlighted by Doug Van Wagoner's Band, the "Western Alibi". Doug and his five piece Western band performed from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

There was dancing and personal performances by Doug himself.

"Western Alibi" is a great band and made themselves available as a benefit to local law enforcement agencies. Sheriff Spanos and all those in attendance wish to thank "Western Alibi" for their generous contribution.

Since Doug and his wife, Leslie, have many local ties in our valley, Sheriff Spanos is recommending them to everyone as a group that can be used for many and varied functions by local citizens.



# Wasatch County sheriff gets OK for eight new vehicles

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HEBER CITY — Wasatch County sheriff's deputies will soon receive eight new vehicles.

The county commissioners approved the purchase Monday after much debate.

According to Sheriff Mike Spanos, the new vehicles replace others that have each logged more than 100,000 miles. They also better meet the needs of transporting prisoners and evidence.

After he received approval from the commission to look into the purchase of new vehicles, Spanos received bids from two Heber City car dealerships, Walker Ford and Spencer Auto Sales. Apparent low bids were accepted from both companies.

The department will purchase three Ford F150 Supercabs, three Ford Broncos, and two Jeep Cherokees with a special police package. Commissioners considered

engine power, suspension, ground clearance and economy in their selections. The average price of the new vehicles is \$19,000. Spanos will trade-in the old vehicles.

The commission also heard a report from County Health Director Phil Wright.

Wright said the state health department is seeking \$500,000 for a general health building block.

"This is a unified effort from state health departments to get the money during this legislative session," Wright said.

The funds will be divided between county health departments for operational costs. Money will be allocated for food service inspections and local health department expenses.

During a public hearing, commissioners voted to form the Wasatch County Special Service Area #1.

The area includes all of Wasatch County except the incorporated

areas of Heber City, Midway, Charleston, Wallsburg, and the part of Park City that overlaps into the county.

County Planner Bob Mathis said the area will govern and administer water policy as it relates to the Central Utah Water Project.

According to County Attorney Dan Matthews, the area is being formed to meet the need for a local entity that regulates these water concerns, such as irrigation, water quality, and wetlands.

The area will be funded in part by the Central Utah Water Conservation District. According to Commissioner Pete Coleman, tax money has been refunded to the county to operate the area.

"With this special service area, any questions about any water within the area will no longer go through the commissioners," Commissioner Moroni Besendorfer said.